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Assignee: TippingPoint Technologies, Inc.  
Title: System and Method for Programming Network Nodes  
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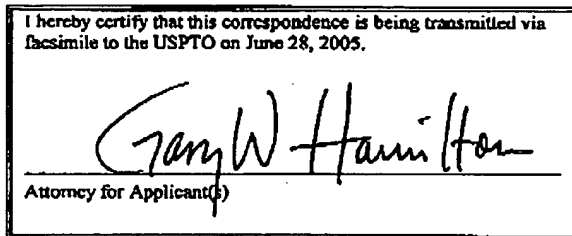
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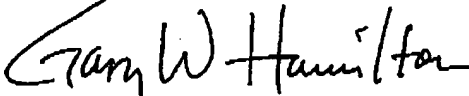
This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring July 6, 2005.

Applicants elect Group I. claims 1 - 24, with traverse drawn to a programmable packet-based network having plural nodes for providing services to network subscribers comprising a service creation tool having an operator interface programming a service definition package, the service definition package having one or more packet processing behaviors defined in a network programming language, a service control center interfaced with the packet-based network and operable to accept the service definition package for deployment to predetermined network nodes, and at least one network node interfaced with the network, the node having a network processor, the node operable to perform the one or more packet processing behaviors translated from the network programming language, classified in class 709, subclass 220.

In view of the election herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.



Respectfully submitted,



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